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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT FORD'S VISIT TO VLADIVOSTOK - ADVANCE PARTY:  
JOINT PLENARY SESSION 11/12/74

WHITE HOUSE (FOR HENKEL

FROM GOODWIN), DEPT. (FOR "A") AND TOKYO (FOR ADVANCE PARTY)

1. ADVANCE PARTY (GOODWIN, THOMPSON, BARRETT AND LEVITSKY) MET  
AT 1000 HRS NOVEMBER 12 WITH SOVIET COUNTERPARTS (GRISHAYEV -  
MFA PROTOCOL, GUL CHENKO AND KRAVCHENKO - DEPUTY CHAIRMEN,  
VLADIVOSTOK KRAIIZPOLKOM). FOLLOWING DISCUSSION OCCURRED:

2. THE US SIDE ASKED IF THERE WOULD BE LIVE TELEVISION  
COVERAGE WITHIN THE SOVIET UNION OF THE AIRPORT ARRIVAL. THE  
SOVIET SIDE INDICATED THAT THERE WOULD BE, AND THAT LIVE COVERAGE  
OF OTHER EVENTS WAS POSSIBLE.

3. THE US SIDE ASKED THE SOVIET SIDE FOR A LIST OF THE SOVIET  
OFFICIAL GREETERS AT PLANESIDE, AND THEY REPLIED THAT IT WOULD BE  
FORWARDED VIA DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS FROM MOSCOW.

4. THE US SIDE ASKED IF CARS WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR THE SHORT  
RIDE FROM THE AIRPORT TO THE TRAIN STATION AND FROM THE COMPOUND  
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TRAIN STATION TO THE RESIDENCE, AND THE SOVIET SIDE REPLIED THAT

THEY WOULD PROVIDE THE CARS.

5. THE US SIDE ASKED ABOUT THE CONFIGURATION OF THE OFFICIAL TRAIN AND ACCESS TO IT FOR COMMUNICATIONS ARRANGEMENTS. THE SOVIET SIDE REPLIED THAT ACCESS WOULD BE POSSIBLE WHEN THE TRAIN ARRIVED IN THE VLADIVOSTOK AREA APPROXIMATELY ONE WEEK PRIOR TO THE PRESIDENT'S ARRIVAL. THEY DID NOT KNOW ANY DETAILS OF THE CONFIGURATION.

6. THE US SIDE ASKED FOR FLOOR PLANS OF THE OFFICIAL RESIDENCE OF PRESIDENT FORD, SECRETARY KISSINGER, AND THE HEAD-TO-HEAD MEETING BUILDING. THE SOVIET SIDE REPLIED THAT THESE DIAGRAMS WOULD BE GIVEN TO THE US SIDE ON THE MORNING OF NOVEMBER 13. THEY FURTHER STATED, IN RESPONSE TO A US QUESTION, THAT ACCESS BY THE US SIDE TO THE BUILDINGS WOULD BE POSSIBLE IN 5-6 DAYS AFTER REFURBISHING WAS COMPLETED.

7. THE US SIDE ASKED FOR A LIST OF SOVIET ATTENDEES AT THE INFORMAL DINNER. THE SOVIET SIDE REPLIED THAT THE LIST WOULD BE FORTHCOMING FROM MOSCOW AT A LATER DATE. THEY, IN TURN, ASKED FOR A LIST OF THE US ATTENDEES AND WERE GIVEN A LIST OF THE OFFICIAL DELEGATION WHICH WAS PREVIOUSLY GIVEN TO CHIEF OF PROTOCOL NIKIFEROV ON NOVEMBER 11, TOGETHER WITH THE OBSERVATION THAT OTHER ATTENDEES WOULD BE ADDED BY THE US SIDE LATER. THE SOVIET SIDE INDICATED THAT APPROXIMATELY 40 PEOPLE WOULD BE ATTENDING THE DINNER AND THAT THE SOVIET DELEGATION WOULD INCLUDE REPRESENTATIVES FROM BOTH MOSCOW AND THE LOCAL AREA.

8. THE US SIDE STRESSED THE NEED FOR AN ENCLOSED AREA SUCH AS A HANGAR AT VOZDVIZHENKA AIRPORT FOR THE ASSEMBLY OF THE 2 US HELICOPTERS ARRIVING EARLY ON THE DATE OF THE PRESIDENT'S ARRIVAL. THE SOVIET SIDE PROMISED TO PASS THIS REQUEST TO THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION, AND URGED THAT THE REQUEST ALSO BE INCLUDED IN AN OFFICIAL NOTE FROM THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN MOSCOW TO THE MINISTRY. THE US SIDE AGREED.

9. THE US SIDE INFORMED THE SOVIET SIDE THAT, AS PREVIOUSLY AGREED, TWO (2) US AIRCRAFT WOULD BE ARRIVING NOVEMBER 14 AND DEPARTING THE SAME DAY AFTER OFFLOADING COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT AND ABOUT 40-45 PERSONNEL.

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QPM THE US SIDE ASKED TO SURVEY POSSIBLE TOURS OF THE VLADIVOSTOK AREA. THE SOVIET SIDE AGREED TO ARRANGE A SURVEY TOUR FOR MEMBERS OF THE ADVANCE PARTY WHEN OTHER BUSINESS WAS COMPLETED. THE SOVIET SIDE NOTED THAT THE VLADIVOSTOK AREA IS A CLOSED AREA, BUT AGREED THAT IT WAS AN AREA TO WHICH THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES HAD BEEN INVITED BY THE SOVIET LEADERSHIP, AND THAT THERE WOULD BE AN OPPORTUNITY TO TOUR THE AREA.

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